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SMALL GRAINS – SEPTEMBER 2016

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production in Arizona, estimated at 10.07 million bushels, is down 34 percent from 2015, according to the September 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. All wheat yield was 97.8 bushels per acre, down 3.2 bushels per acre from a year ago.

Winter wheat producers seeded 14,000 acres for harvest in 2016, up from 5,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 5,000 acres from last year to 7,000 acres in 2016. Winter wheat production is estimated at 665,000 bushels, up from 206,000 bushels last year. Winter wheat yield, at 95.0 bushels per acre, is down 8.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Durum wheat seedings, at 97,000 acres, are down 58,000 acres from last year. Acreage harvested totaled 96,000 acres, down from 150,000 acres harvested last year. Durum wheat production is estimated at 9.41 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. Durum wheat yield, at 98.0 bushels per acre, is down 3.0 bushels per acre from last year.

Arizona's **barley** seeded area, at 16,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 15,000 acres, is down 1,000 acres from 2015. Barley yield, at 128.0 bushels per acre is up 8.0 bushels per acre from last year, and is a new record high yield, 3.0 bushels per acre above the previous record yield of 125.0 bushels per acre, set in 2010, 2011, and 2014. Barley production in 2016 is estimated at 1.92 million bushels, unchanged from the previous year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All wheat production totaled 2.31 billion bushels in 2016, up 12 percent from the revised 2015 total of 2.06 billion bushels. Area harvested for grain totaled 43.9 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 52.6 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from the previous year and represents a new record high. The levels of production and changes from 2015 by type are winter wheat, 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent; other spring wheat, 534 million bushels, down 11 percent; and Durum wheat, 104 million bushels, up 24 percent.

Winter wheat production for 2016 totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the revised 2015 total of 1.37 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 55.3 bushels per acre, is up 12.8 bushels from 2015 and represents a new record high. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 30.2 million acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. Record high yields are estimated in Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin for 2016.

Durum wheat production for 2016 is estimated at 104 million bushels, up 24 percent from the revised 2015 total of 84.0 million bushels. Grain area harvested totaled 2.37 million acres, up 24 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at a record high of 44.0 bushels per acre, equal to the 2015 average yield. Production in North Dakota, the largest Durum-producing State, is up 37 percent from 2015. Durum wheat production in Montana for 2016 represents a record high for the State. Record high yields are estimated in both Montana and North Dakota for 2016.

Barley production is estimated at 199 million bushels, down 9 percent from the revised 2015 total of 218 million bushels. Average yield per acre, at 77.9 bushels, is up 8.8 bushels from the previous year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 3.05 million acres in 2016, down 16 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 2.56 million acres, is down 19 percent from 2015.

For a full copy of the *Small Grains Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.